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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PIT POSITION 025

REF: PARIS 18905

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VISA PIT POSITION 025 FROM OCT.1,76 THROUGH MARCH 31,1977 DUE TO CONTINUING MOVEMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA REFUGEES FROM FRANCE TO THE U.S.

2. DURING PAST THREE MONTHS, EMBASSY VISA OFFICE HAS CONTINUED TO DEVOTE UP TO 650 MAN-HOURS PER MONTH TO THE REFUGEE PROGRAM, OR THE EQUIVALENT OF 2 FULL-TIME POSITIONS. BASIS FOR THIS WORKLOAD IS FACT THAT EMBASSY CONTINUES TO GENERATE NEW CASES ON BASIS OF WALK-INS BY RECENTLY-ARRIVED REFUGEES, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY IABORING TO PROCESS ITS PIPELINE CASES TO A CONCLUSION AND RESPOND TO VOIUMINOUS CONGRESSIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSY'S EARLIER SUCCESS AT DIVERTING A LARGE PORTION OF THE REFUGEE CASELOAD TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR 7TH PREFERENCE PROCESSING IS NOW REQUIRING AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF EMBASSY SUPPORT--IN TERMS OF BOTH LIASON WITH THE AGENCIES AND SERVICES FOR INS. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT VIRTUALIY EVERY REFUGEE WHO IS REFUSED UNDER THE EPP WILL APPLY FOR 7TH PREFERENCE PROCESSING (BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE OF SOME OF THEIR COMRADES.) AS A UNCLASSIFIED

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RESULT, INS OFFICERS NOW SPEND 18 WEEKS A YEAR IN PARIS

(VS.4 BEFORE THE SEASIA PROBLEM AROSE) CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIONS--AN EFFORT WHICH REQUIRES AN EQUIVALENT INCREASED LEVEL OF VISA STAFF SUPPORT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS GENERAL SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES EXTENSION OF PIT POSITION URGENT. REGULAR STAFF UNABLE ABSORB IMPACT THIS WORKLOAD DUE BOTH TO INCREASE IN NIV WORKLOAD REPORTED IN REFTEL AND TO FACT THAT IV CASELOAD ALSO INCREASING, AS A RESULT OF BOTH SEASIA AND LEBANESE SITUATIONS. RUSH

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